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SUBJ: UN SECRETARY GENERAL TALK WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN
MINISTER

REFS: USUN 2248 (NOTAL); USUN 2258 (NOTAL)

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 28 ON OTHER MATTERS, SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS SATISFACTION OVER TALK HE HAD HAD RECENTLY WITH PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES. HE HAD SEEN SOARES FOLLOWING LATTER'S ATTENDANCE AT NATO MINISTERIAL (USUN 2248) AND THEY HAD HAD TWO-HOUR CONVERSATION AT SYG'S RESIDENCE HERE. SOARES HAD EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE COMPLEXITIES OF PORTUGUESE SITUATION AND CURRENT OUTLOOK WITH RESPECT AFRICAN TERRITORIES. SOARES HAD URGED WALDHEIM TO PAY A VISIT TO LISBON IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND HAD EXPRESSED VIEW THAT WALDHEIM COUNSEL WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL TO PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT TIME. WALDHEIM SAID HE WAS TURNING OVER IN HIS MIND WHETHER THIS WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO DO.

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2. WALDHEIM HAD APPARENTLY SUGGESTED TO SOARES POSSIBILITY

OF VISIT TO LISBON SOMETIME TOWARD END OF AUGUST. SOARES
HAD TAKEN POSITION THIS WOULD BE TOO LATE; SYG
PRESENCE WAS NEEDED THERE NOW. THIS MEANT, SAID WALDHEIM,
THAT IF HE WAS TO VISIT LISBON IT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN
CONNECTION WITH HIS PRESENT EUROPEAN TRIP FROM WHICH HE IS
SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO NEW YORK JULY 9. HE COULD PERHAPS
ADD A DAY OR SO TO HIS ITINERARY AND STOP IN LISBON ON
HIS WAY BACK TO NEW YORK IF THAT SEEMED DESIRABLE.

3. COMMENT: WALDHEIM SEEMED ALMOST TO BE INVITING A
RECOMMENDATION FROM US AS TO WHETHER HE SHOULD GO TO
LISBON. IF DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY LISBON BELIEVES WALDHEIM
VISIT TO LISBON WOULD BE USEFUL OR HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE,
I BELIEVE HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR RAISING MATTER WITH
HIM DURING HIS CURRENT STAY IN GENEVA.
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